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2. SUMMARY: THE SECRETARY HAD A FRIENDLY AND HIGHLY  
SIGNIFICANT TWO-HOUR MEETING WITH CHINESE VICE PREMIER/  
DEFENSE MINISTER GENG BIAO LATE THIS AFTERNOON. AFTER  
GENG NOTED THAT HE HAD BEEN REFERRED ON MY HUANG HUA  
REQUEST, HE WENT ON TO INFORM

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THE SECRETARY INFORMED GENG OF THE PRESIDENT'S DICTATION  
TO EXPAND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFERS AND TO CONSIDER APMS SALES  
TO CHINA ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS, AND GENG EXPRESSED  
APPRECIATION

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THE SECRETARY TOLD GENG  
CAP. YEHMEILOU BROKEN FORWARD TO VISITING CHINA IF HE  
BE BACK TO US TOMORROW OR SUGGESTED TIMING.

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END SUMMARY.

3. GENG ALSO RECALLED THE SECRETARY AND HIS PARTY TO THE RECEPTION HALL OF THE GREAT HALL OF THE PEOPLE IN BEIJING AT 4:14A P.M., JUNE 19, 1981. THE SECRETARY NOTED THAT WHEN HE HAD LAST COME TO BEIJING NINE AND A HALF YEARS AGO VICE DRAINED GENG HAD BEEN ON AN OVERSEAS ASSIGNMENT. THE SECRETARY SAID HE WAS AWARE OF GENG'S IMPORTANT RESPONSIBILITY AND HAD BROKEN FORWARD TO MEETING WITH HIM.

4. GENG SAID THAT THE CHINESE WERE DELIGHTED THAT PRESIDENT REAGAN HAD SEND SUCH AN IMPORTANT AND LARGE DELEGATION OFFICIALLY TO CHINA FOR THE FIRST TIME DURING HIS ADMINISTRATION. HE EXPRESSED HIS PLEASURE THAT IN A VERY DRILL PERIOD IN BEIJING THE SECRETARY WOULD BE ABLE TO SEE SO MANY CHINESE LEADERS, COMMENTING THAT THIS SHOWED NOT ONLY THE SECRETARY'S ENERGY BUT ALSO THE FRIENDSHIP THAT EXISTED BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

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3. THE SECRETARY INTRODUCED THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
REPRESENTATIVE IN HIS DELEGATION, MR. ARMITAGE.  
MR. ARMITAGE, HE SAID, COULD SPEAK FOR SECRETARY  
WEINERBERGER. THE SECRETARY SHARED HIS VIEW OF THE VITAL  
IMPORTANCE OF U.S. - CHINA RELATIONS. THE SECRETARY STATED  
THAT SECRETARY WEINERBERGER LOOKED FORWARD TO A VISIT TO  
CHINA DURING WHICH HE COULD DISCUSS MUTUAL DEFENSE  
CONCERN WITH HIS CHINESE COUNTERPARTS. THE SECRETARY  
NOTED THAT IN THE MORNING HE HAD ENGAGED IN A DETAILED  
STRATEGIC AGREEMENT OF GLOBAL, REGIONAL, AND BILATERAL  
ISSUES WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER. IN VIEW OF GENG  
BAO'S IMPORTANT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DEFENSE OF  
CHINA, HE STATED, HE LOOKED FORWARD TO DISCUSSING MANY OF  
THE SAME ISSUES WITH HIM.

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6. GEORG SAID THAT THE PANTHESE HAD A CUSTOM OF LISTENING  
FIRST TO "FRTEVODI WHO CAME FROM AFAR." HE LOOKED  
FORWARD TO HEARING WHAT THE SECRETARY HAD TO SAY ON  
THOSE SUBJECTS.

7. THE SECRETARY NOTED THAT BOTH YESTERDAY AND THIS  
MORNING HIS DISCUSSION WITH THE PANTHESE MINISTER HAD  
FOCUSED ON CERTAIN COMMON CONCERNs OVER SOVIET ACTIVITIES.

FROM THE AMERICAN POINT OF VIEW, HE SAID, THE MOST  
IMPORTANT TASK HE HAD TOUCHED ON WAS THE REBUILDING OF  
U.S. MILITARY STRENGTH IN ORDER TO ENABLE US TO CARRY  
OUT OUR POLICIES.

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8. IN THIS REGARD, HE SAID, WE INTEND TO ADD 32 BILLION  
DOLLARS TO THE DEFENSE BUDGET OF THE PREVIOUS  
ADMINISTRATION THIS YEAR, AND OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS  
WE WILL ADD AN ADDITIONAL 200 BILLION DOLLARS. THE  
IMPROVEMENTS TO OUR MILITARY POSTURE THAT WE SEEK TO  
REVERSE ADVENSE STRATEGIC TRENDS WILL FOCUS ON  
NEW 1,000FT OF OUR CENTRAL STRATEGIC AND NUCLEAR  
SYSTEMS, AND EVEN MORE DRAMATIC STRENGTHENING OF  
GROUND, AIR, AND SEA CONVENTIONAL CAPABILITIES. WE ARE  
GIVING PRIORITY TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION OF A  
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1. NEW STRATEGIC DOWNSIZING, AS WELL AS LAND-BASED MEDIUM-FAIR RELIEVED SYSTEMS SUCH AS THE M-1, WE INTEND TO ACQ A LARGE NUMBER OF LONG-RANGE CRUISE MISSILES WITH BOTH NUCLEAR AND NON-NUCLEAR CAPABILITY. THIS SHOULD MOVE THAN BALANCE THE GROWTH IN SOVIET NUCLEAR POWER. IN GOING FORCE MODERNIZATION WE ARE DEVELOPING A WHOLE NEW FAMILY OF TANKS AND ARMORED FIGHTING VEHICLES, GROUND TO GROUND ROCKETS, A NEW FAMILY OF ASSAULT AND CARGO HELICOPTERS, AND THREE NEW AIR OFFENSE WEAPONS. WE ARE STRENGTHENING PREPOSITIONED WAR MATERIAL STOCKS IN FORCING AND THE MIDDLE EAST IN ORDER TO ENABLIE US TO REINFORCE AREAS OF CRISIS ON A PRETTY RAPID. WE ARE WORKING TO ENHANCE OUR LIFT CAPABILITY BOTH IN THE AIR AND AT SEA TO ENABLE US TO MOVE OUR FORCES AND THEIR EQUIPMENT QUICKLY TO CRISIS AREAS.

2. THE SECRETARY NOTED THAT PRESIDENT REAGAN HAD APPROVED SECRETARY OF DEFENSE'S RECOMMENDATION THAT WE CREATE A NEW COMMAND WHICH WOULD EXERCISE COMMAND AND CONTROL OF OUR FORCES GLOBALLY, PARTICULARLY IN THE MIDDLE EAST AREA. THIS WOULD REPLACE FORMER ARRANGEMENTS, WHICH HAD BEEN INADEQUATE.

3. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT IN OUR FORCES WOULD, HOWEVER, BE IN THE AREA OF NAVAL CONSTRUCTION. WE INTEND TO DEVELOP A NAVY OF 600 VESSELS IN PLACE OF THE 450 AUTHORIZED BY THE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION. ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ASSETS WE HAVE IN THE AREA OF FORCE PROJECTION IS OUR FIGHTERS. WE INTEND TO DEVELOP 15 CARRIER TASK FORCES INSTEAD OF THE 12 PROJECTED BY THE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION. THIS WOULD ENABLIE US TO STRENGTHEN OUR FORCES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN AND THE PACIFIC WHILE MAINTAINING EXISTING STRENGTH IN THE

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4 MEDITERRANEAN AND THE ATLANTIC AREAS.

(1) THE SECRETARY SAID THAT HE ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT WE MUST PROVIDE GREATER SECURITY ASSISTANCE TO FRIENDS WHO SHARE OUR CONCERN ABOUT SOVIET EXPANSIONISM. IF WE'RE DOING SO ALREADY WITH RESPECT TO TURKEY, EGYPT, SAUDI ARABIA, PAKISTAN, AND THAILAND, WE HAD BEGINN MODERATE LEVELS OF SUPPORT TO COUNTRIES LIKE SUDAN AND SOMALIA, WHICH HAD NOT BEFORE BEEN RECIPIENTS OF U.S. ASSISTANCE. IF WE'RE COORDINATING CLOSELY WITH OTHER COUNTRIES WHO CAN ASSIST IN THIS EFFORT TO STRENGTHEN THE FORCES OPPOSED TO SOVIET EXPANSIONISM. FOR EXAMPLE, HE HAD CONDUCTED VERY CLOSE CONSULTATIONS WITH THE SAUDIS IN ORDER TO ENSURE THEIR SUPPORT FOR MILITARY BUILD UP IN PAKISTAN, SUDAN AND SOMALIA, WHICH WERE THREATENED EITHER DIRECTLY BY THE SOVIETS OR INDIRECTLY THROUGH MR. QADDAFI. HE WAS STATONING ADDITIONAL MATERIAL OVERSEAS, BUILDING LOGISTICAL SUPPORT SHIPS, AND CARRYING FURTHER AGREEMENTS TO STRATEGIC FACILITIES IN COUNTRIES AND AREAS SUCH AS EGYPT, ODEGO CARRIA, KENYA, SOMALIA AND GHANA.

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12. ANOTHER DRAMATIC INCREASE WAS TAKING PLACE IN THE AREA OF JOINT TRAINING AND PLANNING WITH FRIENDLY NATIONS. THIS INCLUDED FRIENDLY NATIONS IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD. WE ARE GIVING THEM GREATER ACCESS TO ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY AND ALLOWING THEIR PILOTS AND OFFICERS TO TRAIN ON THE MOST ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY WE HAVE. THE SECRETARY CITED EGYPT, CHINA, THAILAND, JAPAN, AND KOREA IN THIS REGARD. HE NOTED THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD ALREADY MODIFIED THE BASIC MILITARY ASSISTANCE POLICIES OF THE UNITED STATES TO PROVIDE MORE ADVANTAGEOUS AND ADVANCED ASSISTANCE TO NATIONS WITH WHICH WE HAVE SUCH ARRANGEMENTS. THIS WOULD MEAN, FOR EXAMPLE, MORE F-104'S AND F-105'S TO JAPAN AND KOREA. IT WOULD MAKE IT EASIER FOR NATIONS TO ACQUIRE AMERICAN MILITARY EQUIPMENT IF THEY SHARE OUR CONCERN ABOUT THE "PULL BACK."

13. FINALLY, IN THE ASIA PACIFIC REGION, THE SECRETARY SAID, WE WERE FOCUSING ESPECIALLY ON STRENGTHENING OUR TIES WITH INDIA. HE HAD REACHED AGREEMENT WITH AUSTRALIA TO PERMIT OUR A-42'S TO TRANSIT TO THE INDIAN OCEAN, AND HAD AGREED TO IMPROVE MARITIME SURVEILLANCE WITH BOTH AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND. HE WAS INCREASING OUR SECURITY ASSISTANCE TO ASEAN THROUGH LOW-KEY IMPROVEMENT OF INFORMAL DEFENSE ARRANGEMENTS.

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MEET WITH EACH OF THE ASEAN NATIONS.

14: THE SECRETARY SAID THAT HE HAD GONE INTO SOME DETAIL IN ORDER TO VIE VICE PREMIER GENG IN TALKING OF THE PREVIOUS STEPS HE PLANNED TO TAKE IN THE DEFENSE AREA. THIS STEP IS INHERENTLY PRESIDENT REAGAN'S CLEAR RECOGNITION OF THE GREATEST DANGER TO ALL NATIONS AND TO WORLD PEACE. I.E., THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SOVIET UNION AND ITS CHIEFERS SEARCH FOR HEGEMONY.

15: THE SECRETARY NOTED THAT VICE PREMIER GENG HAD HELD DISCUSSIONS WITH FORMER DEFENSE SECRETARY MARSHAL ARMY IN THE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION. HE HAD AWARE THAT CERTAIN LONG-STANDING U.S. POLICIES RESTRICTED CHINA'S ABILITY TO PURCHASE MILITARY EQUIPMENT, TECHNOLOGY, AND WEAPONS FROM THE UNITED STATES. PRESIDENT REAGAN HAS CHANGED THESE POLICIES. THE SECRETARY SAID, THIS WOULD ENABLE CHINA TO PURCHASE MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE FROM THE UNITED STATES ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS IN ACCORD WITH CHINA'S OWN WISHES AND NEEDS.

THIS IS A SENSITIVE SUBJECT. THE SECRETARY CONTINUED, AND HE ANTICIPATED THAT THIS ASPECT OF OUR RELATIONSHIP WOULD PROGRESS IN AN EVOLUTIONARY CASE-BY-CASE WAY. HE COULD CHIEF STEADILY TO ACCORDANCE WITH THE ISSUES OF THE CHINESE.

16: THE SECRETARY CONCLUDED THAT VICE PREMIER GENG HAD BEEN VERY PATIENT IN LISTENING TO HIS EXPOSITION AND THAT HE WOULD WELCOME AN OPPORTUNITY TO WELCOME GENG'S VIEW.

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22. THE SECRETARY SAID THAT THE UNITED STATES HAD THE GREAT PROBLEM OF A FOUR-YEAR ELECTORAL CYCLE. DIALOGUE RECOMMENDED AND MUST BE STARTED AGAIN. REPRESENTING THIS, PRESIDENT REAGAN HAD CONDUCTED A POLICY REVIEW ON THESE VERY QUESTIONS. THE PRESIDENT HAD NOW APPROVED POLICIES SUBSTANTIALLY MORE FORTHCOMING IN THE AREA OF TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER. THE SECRETARY SUGGESTED THAT HE START IMMEDIATELY TO DISCUSS THESE ISSUES IN THE NEW CONTEXT. PERHAPS VICE CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF GENERAL LIN HUADONG COULD VISIT THE UNITED STATES IN AUGUST. HE MIGHT BRING A LIST OF THE 20 AND PERHAPS ANOTHER 20 TO DISCUSS WITH SECRETARY WEINERBERGER AND HIS STAFF. WE WOULD SEEK A PROMPT RESOLUTION OF THE PROBLEMS.

23. GENG SAID THIS SOUNDED LIKE A GOOD SUGGESTION. THE CHINESE SIDE APPROVED IT. HE ASKED WHEN THE VISIT SHOULD TAKE PLACE. THE SECRETARY INDICATED AUGUST. GENG ACCEPTED. THE SECRETARY INDICATED THE DETAILED TIME IN AUGUST COULD BE WORKED OUT THROUGH

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REBOLINATIC CHANNELS. GEN SAID THAT HE WOULD GIVE  
THE LIST OF 47 PLUR ITEMS, INCLUDING THE 29 THAT  
WERE APPROVABLE AND THE NINE THAT HAD BEEN SUPPOSEDLY  
APPROVED, BUT PERHAPS THREE OR FOUR NEW ITEMS  
TO GOVERN TO THE SECRETARY THROUGH CHAI CHENGYUEN.  
THE THINGS THAT WERE MENTIONED ON THAT LIST WERE  
WHAT CHINA WANTED FOR ITSELF. GENG SAID.

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24. THE SECRETARY SAID THAT HE HAD ALWAYS BEEN A  
PROponent OF SUCH PRODUCTION-SHARING ARRANGEMENTS,  
BUT OUR PRODUCTION BASE WAS LIMITED. DELIVERIES WERE

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OF ITEMS ARE AFTER TOO LONG. THAT WAS WHY WE'RE  
ATTEMPTING AT PRESENT TO EXPAND OUR PRODUCTION BASE  
AS WE'RE EXPANDING OUR MILITARY FORCES PER RE. GEN  
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25. THE SECRETARY SAID THIS WAS THREDD ONE OF THE  
GREAT DIFFICULTIES FOR PAKISTAN. UNDER SECRETARY  
RUCKELAY WAS VISITING ISLAMABAD NOW TO EXPLAIN IN SOME  
DETAIL WHAT WE WERE ABLE AND PREPARED TO DO. THE  
DANGER TO OUR FRIENDS IN PAKISTAN, THE SECRETARY SAID,  
WAS THAT IF THEY AGREED TO A MAJOR U.S. PROGRAM AND  
THEN HAD TO WAIT A LONG TIME, THEY WERE VULNERABLE  
IN THE INTERIM. THEY THUS ACCEPT A GREATER RISK OF  
SOVIET ACTION AGAINST PROBABLY USING AFGHAN FORCES  
ACROSS THE BORDER WHILE THEY DO NOT HAVE THE MEANS  
TO RESIST SUCH ATTACK.

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"THE SECRETARY AGREED, SAYING THAT PAKISTAN REFUSED SOVIET- manUFACTURED AIRCRAFT. HE HAD A PROBLEM OF TIMING AND PRODUCTION AND A PROBLEM OF DIVERTING SUCH AIRCRAFT FROM OUR OWN AIR FORCE WHICH RARELY USED THEM. THERE WAS ALSO THE PROBLEM, HE SAID, OF LEGISLATION BY THE CONGRESS TO PERMIT THE SALE OF SUCH ITEMS IN THE FIRST PLACE. GENG SOVYATEN THAT THE UNITED STATES HAD A PECULIARLY COMPLICATED SYSTEM OF LEGISLATION.

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"28. THE SECRETARY SAID THAT, IN HIS VIEW, IMMEDIATE HELP TO PAKISTAN WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT STRATEGIC QUESTION FACING THE UNITED STATES AT PRESENT. THE RUSSIANS HAD REPEATEDLY WARNED US THAT WE MUST NOT HELP PAKISTAN. THEREFORE, WHEN WE DO SO, WE MUST BE PREPARED FOR TROUBLE. SUCH TROUBLE COULD COME DEPENDS IN IRAN OR THROUGH AFGHAN PROXIES THREATENING PAKISTAN. PRESIDENT ZIA COULD HANDLE THIS IF WE GAVE ENOUGH HELP, BUT THE SOVIETS MUST CLEARLY UNDERSTAND THAT WE WOULD NOT TOLERATE SUCH BEHAVIOR

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29. SENG SAID

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THE SECRETARY COMMENTED THAT HE HAD JUST SEEN A REPORT FROM A HIGH RANKING RUSSIAN AFFILIATED TO AFGHANISTAN. IT WAS VERY DETAILED AND VERY PESIMISTIC. THE REPORT SAID THAT THE SOVIETS IN AFGHANISTAN HAD FOUND THEIR OWN "VIETNAM." SENG COMMENTED THAT THE AFGHANS ARE A VERY TOUGH NATION. THE SECRETARY ADDED THAT THEY ARE ALSO VERY COURAGEOUS.

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31. THE SECRETARY SAID THAT HE MUST HELP THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS IN AFGHANISTAN IN WAYS THAT ARE CONTROLLED BY PAKISTAN SO AS NOT TO INFLICT UNACCEPTABLE DAMAGE FOR THE PAKISTANI'S. HE HAVE BEEN DOING SO AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO WITH OUR FRIENDS: THE PAKISTANI, THE EGYPTIANS, THE SAUDI, AND PERHAPS THE BOSNIAN. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE CONTINUE ON THAT COURSE. GENG SAID

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32. THE SECRETARY NOTED THAT GENERAL WALTERS HAD BEEN HOLDING STRATEGIC DISCUSSIONS OF A VERY SENSITIVE NATURE WITH FRIENDLY NATIONS SUCH AS FRG, AND RAJPUT BHARAT. HE WOULD LIKE TO PRECISE THAT GENERAL WALTERS VISIT BEIJING FROM TIME TO TIME FOR SUCH STRATEGIC DISCUSSIONS. HE COULD THEN BETTER COORDINATE OUR ACTIONS. GENERAL WALTERS WOULD, OF COURSE, BE ACCCOMPANIED BY A DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE REPRESENTATIVE. HE SAID. THIS WAS A DIFFERENT MATTER FROM INTELLIGENCE. DISCUSSIONS ON THAT SHOULD BE CONDUCTED WITHIN AN INTELLIGENCE FRAMEWORK. GENERAL WALTERS PURPOSE WAS POLITICAL/MILITARY DISCUSSIONS. GENG SAID THAT THIS WAS A VERY GOOD IDEA. HE NOTED THAT GENERAL WALTERS HAD ALREADY BEGIN TO

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MAKE CONTACT. THE SECRETARY SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT WE REMAIN IN TOUCH IN THIS WAY. AMERICAN POLICIES WILL EVOLVE; THEREFORE, THE INTEGRATION OF OUR POLICIES WILL BE ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT AS WE CONFRONT THE DANGEROUS PERIOD AHEAD.

33. GENG SAID THAT IN TERMS OF MILITARY RELATIONSHIPS, HE HOPED THAT HE WOULD BE ABLE TO INCREASE MILITARY EXCHANGES, IF NOT THIS YEAR THEN THE NEXT. THE SECRETARY SAID THAT HE FAVORED SUCH AN INCREASE AND KNEW THAT SECRETARY WETMORE WOULD ALSO WELCOME IT.

34. THE SECRETARY NOTED THAT HE MUST ALWAYS BE PREPARED TO MOVE QUICKLY TO STRENGTHEN OUR RELATIONSHIPS. ON OUR SIDE, SHOULD THE RUSSIANS MOVE INTO POLAROID DRAMATIC WAVES TO STRENGTHEN U.S.-PRTHNA RELATIONSHIP BE CONSIDERED. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE

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CHINESE CONSIDER SUCH MOVE ON A CONTINGENCY BASIS ON  
THEIR SIDE AS WELL. IF THE RIOTS TAKE RASH ACTION  
THAT REQUIRES AN IMMEDIATE AND RAMATIC RESPONSE,  
WE MUST BE PREPARED TO UNDERTAKE SUCH A RESPONSE  
QUICKLY. TO SAY THIS IS NOT TO SUGGEST IN ANY WAY  
THAT U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS WERE A CARD GAME, BUT  
RATHER TO RECOGNIZE THAT SOVIET FIRST STEPS  
OFFERED AN OPPORTUNITY TO BRING ABOUT MORE QUICKLY  
WHAT WE WOULD ULTIMATELY WANT TO DO IN ANY EVENT.  
SOVIET MISTAKE WOULD THIS FACTUALLY STATE THE HISTORIC  
DEVELOPMENT OF U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS. THE SECRETARY  
CONCLUDED THAT HE BELIEVED THIS WAS VERY  
THOUGHTFUL

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SECRETARY SAID HE AGREED. THE GREATEST DANGER IN  
WESTERN EUROPE WITH OUR ALLIES WAS THAT MANY OF  
THEY FELT THAT IF THE SOVIETS DID NOT MOVE INTO  
AFGHANISTAN THEY SHOULD BE REBARRIED BY OUR  
FORGETTING AFGHANISTAN. HE HAD THEREFORE DISCUSSED  
THIS ISSUE IN SOME AT THE NATO MEETING AT SOME  
LENGTH. HE HAD INSISTED THAT AFGHANISTAN BE PUT IN  
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37. THE SECRETARY STATED THAT GENG WAS HELPTING HIM TO  
WRITE HIS SPEECH IN MANILA. HE EXPRESSED TOTAL  
AGREEMENT WITH GENG'S VIEW. POLAND WAS IMPORTANT  
FOR POLITICAL REASONS WHILE AFGHANISTAN AND KAMPUCHEA  
WERE IMPORTANT FOR STRATEGIC REASONS. AFGHANISTAN  
REPRESENTED THE FIRST TIME THE SOVIET UNION HAD  
MOVED OUT OF ITS SPHERE OF INFLUENCE  
TO SEEK HEGEMONY SINCE WORLD WAR II. IN THE SECRETARY'S  
VIEW THIS WAS THE MOST SIGNIFICANT STRATEGIC EVENT SINCE

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THE END OF THE WAR, POLAND WAS, OF COURSE, AIRLY  
IN THEIR SPHERE. IT WAS UNUNDERSTANDABLE THAT THEY  
MIGHT BE OVERTLY CONCERNED ABOUT IT, BUT POLAND AND  
THE POLISH SITUATION WERE POLITICAL IMPOSSIBLE NOT  
STRATEGIC IMPOSSIBLE.

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THE SECRETARY NOTED THE PREFERENCE  
TO CALLING UP THE ROMANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER, WAITING

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THAT HE COULD SPEAK VERY INDEPENDENTLY TO THIS  
SUBJECT, AS HE HAD IN WASHINGTON TWO TO THREE  
WEEKS BEFORE. THE POLISH SITUATION WAS INVITED  
CONTAGIOUS. GENL SAID THAT IT WAS POSSIBLE IN THE  
FUTURE THAT THERE MIGHT BE THREE OR FOUR MORE  
POLANDS. THE SECRETARY SAID HE COULD TAKE LITTLE  
COMFORT IN THAT BECAUSE THAT MERELY INCREASED THE  
DANGER.

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45'. THE TIME FOR THE MEETING TO CONCLUDE HAVING ARRIVED,  
THE TWO SIDES AGREED THAT THEY WOULD TELL THE DRAFT  
ONLY THAT THE SECRETARY AND VICE PREMIER GENG HAN  
EXCHANGED VIEWS ON OFFENCE MATTERS. THEY WOULD ALSO  
SAY THAT THE SECRETARY EARLIER MEETING WITH VICE  
PREMIER AND HAN HAD CONSISTED OF AN EXCHANGE OF  
VIEWS ON ECONOMIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL  
COMPETITION AND TRADE. BOTH SIDES HAD TAKEN PLACE  
IN A FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE.

46'. AS THE MEETING ENDED AT 9:30 P.M.,  
VICE PREMIER GENG VOLUNTARILY TOLD ME HE FELT THIS HAD  
BEEN A GOOD MEETING.

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